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API COMMENTS ON PKI ATTACK AGAINST BPS

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(Text) Following is an article of API yesterday:

When the BPS (Body for the Promotion of Sukarnoism) in October last year made allout effort and came forward for the defense of Pantjasila, one principle of which is the belief in God, it received wide support in society. The PKI was bewildered and did not exactly know what to do to counter the BPS campaign.

However, following CPR Foreign Minister Chen I's visit to Indonesia in 1964, a sudden change in the attitude of the PKI was noticed. Suddenly, the PKI launched a strong attack against the BPS. In the attack against the BPS, the PKI was supported by the PNI (Indonesian National Party).

At that time keen polemics began between the BPS on one side and the PKI and PNI on the other. If we look back at the developments at that time, we ask ourselves: Could there be any connection between the Chen I visit and the sudden change of the attitude of the PKI from an unsure one to a very aggressive one?

One argument, which was said to be a decisive one and which caused the dissolution of the BPS, was the existence of "documents" in which it was said that the BPS, was sponsored by the CIA, the U.S. Intelligence Service, and that the true goal of the BPS was "to kill Sukarno with Sukarnoism."

It was also said that there were "documents" in circulation which said that "certain Murba leaders had received millions of dollars in bribes from the United States." However, these statements have never been proven, and if we look at the statement on the 30 September Movement of 1 October, we shall find that in it former Lieutenant Colonel Untung also mentioned that "the Council of Generals was sponsored by CIA."